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Spelling Unit 7

Unit 7: Adjectival Endings: -tial, -cial, -cious, -tious (ZB unit 32)

* Remember that the final /shəs/ may be spelled **cious** or **tious**, and a final /shəl/ may be spelled **tial** or **cial**.

1. confidential
2. potential
3. influential
4. impartial
5. crucial
6. superficial
7. ferocious
8. gracious
9. vicious
10. suspicious
11. conscientious
12. ambitious
13. contentious

Homework: * Alphabetize this list!*

A. Write a brief, summarized definition for each word in the space above. You may use a dictionary, but definitions must be re-written in your own words.

B: Story Solve

*Use each word once from the word bank below to complete this passage.



At first, Siara and Hannah were nervous when their parents called them in for a _____ family meeting. They knew the meeting was important when Dad announced that the subject had the _____ for high emotions! During the meeting, they discovered that their _____ father had “signed them up” as volunteers to babysit the Davis boys, known to all as mischievous and rambunctious. They were actually very pleased with the news, since they were both _____ and _____ people. They often helped out when their cousins got into _____ disputes, and settled the _____ situations with an _____ eye, while making sure to keep the disagreements_____.

So they looked forward to their first day with five-year-old Gunner and seven-year-old Heath, even though they were a tiny bit _____ that the boys might be a challenge. Were they ever right!! As soon as Hannah opened the door at the Davis home, Heath charged into the family room screaming, “We don’t need any babysitters!! We can take care of ourselves!”

Siara knew that the Hot Wheels car she held in her hand might be _____ in “winning him over,” so she whimpered, “Where can I put this very important item so it won’t get lost?” When Heath and Gunner eyed the blue and yellow **Force 5 Zoom and Chopper**, they sprang toward Siara and each pledged to keep it safe for her by holding the shiny blue chopper in their pockets. Siara quickly handed to toy toward Heath and promised to turn it over to him ONLY if he agreed to behave during her stay. He pledged good behavior, while Gunner wailed _____(ly) as the chopper was turned over to Heath.

“I have one lonely old red Ferrari in my bag for anyone who behaves,” Hannah suddenly announced. At the sight of the shimmering toy, Gunner’s wail subsided and he turned on a fake, _____ smile. Since both boys behaved well for the rest of the afternoon, Hannah and Siara’s parents complimented each of them on their talent for solving problems.

Word Bank

confidential
potential
influential
impartial
crucial

superficial
ferocious
gracious
vicious
suspicious

conscientious
ambitious
contentious

Homework (Parts A & B) due:

Post Quiz on Spelling and Meaning: